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Western Prince William Sound Goat Hunt Closes

Cordova – Registration permit hunt RG266 for mountain goats in Unit 6(D) will close at 11:59 p.m. on September 27 by Emergency Order of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game. Hunt area RG266 includes the mainland portion of Unit 6(D) south of Icy Bay, Tiger Glacier and Sargent Icefield, and east of Cape Fairfield.

Aerial surveys during September, 2002 indicated a declining population of about 280 goats in registration permit area RG266. This year, the Department set the maximum allowable state harvest at 9 goat-units. Each billy taken is counted as one goat-unit and each nanny as two goat-units. Harvest is now at 10 goat units, including 3 nannies. Additional take could harm the long-term stability of the population.

This closure affects only registration permit hunt RG266 in Unit 6(D). All other mountain goat hunting regulations in the remainder of Game Management Unit 6 are not affected by this emergency order.